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JOSEPH LEWIS, Executor of the will of Maria Tate, deceased. Dated at Sonoma, Cal., Oct. 16th, 1909. ROBERT A. POPPE, Attorney for estate. First publication, Oct. 19, 1909.

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BELIEVE IN THE FATES.

Greek Peasants and the Rule of the Moral Over Children.

The peasantry of Greece firmly believe that the future of every child is determined by the three fates, known by the name of the Moral. In the popular mind this trio of fates are supposed to be three old and wrinkled women whose habitation is a mountain cave. They come simultaneously to a house where a new baby has made its appearance, says the London Globe.

When they are expected all furniture is set aside so that their aged and tottering feet may not be hindered, and refreshments in the shape of honey cakes, bread and wine are placed ready for these important though invisible guests. Money, too, is placed for them as a bribe to get their favor for the baby, so that his future may be one long, sweet song, the superstition being that all things good and bad are in the giving of the fates.

On no account must the child's beauty be alluded to when the Moral are present, as this will certainly make its good looks disappear. Marks on a baby's skin are looked upon as sent by these harbingers of weal or woe.

All luck is supposed to be the lot of the children who cut their upper teeth first. There are one or two African tribes who so firmly believe that that they are said to kill all babies but those whose lower teeth appear first. Another race of people in the dark continent see all the signs of bad fortune in twins, and so they avoid it by slaying all of them.

THE SEA LION.

This Queer Beast Is the Owner of Four Huge Livers.

The head of the sea lion at close quarters is a blunt, rough, savage growl. It is well armed for battle, the mouth being an eight inch half circle studded with two rows of great sharp teeth. The body is heavily coated with seal brown hair, sun bleached to light yellow on the back and sides. The immensely long hind flippers have big strong claws imbedded in the flat upper surface several inches from the ends of the flipper. The fore flippers have the openings for these nails or claws, but in the particular female I dissected they were lacking.

The transparent very feelers about the jaw are much esteemed by the Chinese as toothpicks. About two dozen of these sensitive guards project from the upper lip. The ears are very small, not as large as a common cat's, and much depressed. The eyes are a deep, soft brown, but they can sparkle like flame in anger. When the dissecting knife laid the skin back we encountered a heavy layer of fat—rich, oily and fish smelling. The liver was very large, fully as big as a cow's, and the beast also owned four huge livers a foot and a half long. The meat is very red and, although eaten by the coast tribes, is too coarse and redolent of fish oil for any save a starving white. In fact, the whole beast has a most repulsive odor when in the sun. Freshly drawn from the water this is not noticeable.—Wide World Magazine.

The Kettledrum in Music.

In a lecture delivered at the Royal Society of Arts by Gabriel Cherrier on the "Musical Aspect of Drums" it was contended that the kettledrum was one of the few perfect instruments in the orchestra, owing to the exactness of its scale. The kettledrum, he contended, was perfectly competent to produce atmosphere as well as rhythm. Even to tune the instrument three things were required—a perfect musical ear, a fine sense of touch and five years' experience. After playing over a kettledrum melody, written eighty years ago, from Meyerbeer's "Robert le Diable," Mr. Cherrier continued, "I venture to say that, outside the musical profession, not one person in a hundred of those who listen to an orchestra in England today knows that tympani have notes and can give out a melody." No instrument, he added, had a greater range of power than the kettledrum, for none could be played more softly, and none had greater penetrating power.—Dundee Advertiser.

Birds on the Wing.

Twice every year a wave of living birds, almost inconceivably grand in the number of birds involved, surges over North America. The autumn wave rolls from the arctic tundras of Canada and Alaska to the torrid valleys of the Amazon and the great pampas of the La Plata, only to roll back again to the leeward northern ocean with the northward progression of the sun. And almost as ceaseless as the ever rising, ever falling swell of the ocean tides is this miraculous tide of beating wings and pulsating little hearts. The last stragglers of the northward migration do not reach their northern home before the early part of June, but in July the southward setting tide has begun again. The number of birds that make up this mighty wave almost passes comprehension. Probably more than 55 per cent of all birds making their summer home between the northern boundary of Mexico and the Arctic ocean—that is, in the United States and Canada—help to swell the great bird tide that moves in the spring and autumn, and northward in the spring and southward in the autumn. This number is too vast to be easily comprehended.—D. Lange in Atlantic.

WAYS OF THE ORIENT.

Queer Ideas About Alleviating Bodily Suffering.

MAGIC CURES OF THE TURKS.

The Treatment to Which Crippled Children Are Subjected—Bunches of Garlic and Strings of Blue Beads as Panaceas Against All Kinds of Ills.

A stone strikes some part of the body of an oriental and inflicts a wound. The train of ideas that this accident would produce in his mind would run something like this: The stone is the cause of pain, the cause of the wound. It is the principal origin of the trouble. But the essence of every origin is hidden, secret and therefore sacred. The stone becomes an awe inspiring fetish. The wound is neglected. The fetish has to be propitiated. This simple illustration is borne out and supported by everyday experience which medical men encounter in the east.

Another instance may be derived from among the lower classes of the Greek population of Constantinople. A child falls and cuts his head. The first thought of the parent is to be sure not to wash and to bind up the wound, still less to call medical assistance, however grave the cut may turn out to be. This is always an afterthought, which very often comes so late that the help of a surgeon can prove of no use.

The first thing the father or mother of the injured child thinks of doing is to pour over the shoulder upon the place of the accident a libation of wine or sugared water and to whisper in performing this some mysterious formula supposed to possess supernatural efficacy against every form of evil.

The Moslems are addicted to the queerest practices for purposes of healing or alleviating bodily pain. A Turk, for instance, in distress or suffering from some disease, however severe, knows of no better remedy than to fix a piece of his dress, torn off with true oriental equality, to an iron bar of some saint's tomb or to drink water from a tumbler into which he has previously put a sheet of paper with writings from the Koran. Sometimes he will take a jar, the interior of which has been written all over with strange formulae and signs. He will then fill it with water, wait till these formulae and signs have been thoroughly dissolved and drink the singular solution with an absolute faith in its wonder working efficacy.

Sheltered by the somber cypresses of the great Mohammedan cemetery at Scutari (the ancient Chrysopolis) on the Asiatic coast of the Bosphorus, there stands in picturesque solitude the tomb of a horse. Every Friday afternoon Turkish mothers carry to that tomb their crippled children to be submitted by a select "khodja" (priest) to an extraordinary course of treatment. These children are dragged, with their diseased limbs dangling over the hillock, from one end of the tomb to the other and then back again in the same fashion. The occult influence emanating from this hillock is supposed to be an all efficient panacea.

It is not difficult to trace in this case the crude, imperfect association of ideas. The horse has long been considered an emblem of vigor, typifying, as Ruskin says, "the flow and force of life." Hence the belief of the oriental, inherited, no doubt, from the Greeks, in the all conquering virtue and influence of occult and mysterious effluvia which are supposed to emanate constantly from a horse's mane.

The wearing of a necklace of blue beads or of garlic as a potent means of keeping away disease or of warding off the evil eye is quite a universal matter of sincere belief in the whole of Turkey. This superstition is shared, as is well known, by the lower classes of many a country in civilized eastern Europe. There, however, it is not so universal and rampant as in the orient. There is scarcely a house in the Moslem, Greek and Armenian districts of the population of Constantinople which has not hanging above its entrance door a collection of garlic and scarcely a beast of toil which has not attached to some part of it a string of blue beads. Among the uneducated it is impossible to find an individual who does not pin absolute faith to the all healing power of such charms, especially of blue beads, which are supposed to be an unfailing panacea against every possible ill.

Less general is the belief in the east in the baleful influence of the planets Saturn and Mars upon the constitution of the human body, upon its four cardinal humors—blood, phlegm, yellow bile and black bile. These planets are considered by some orientals, especially in the far south, as the unmistakable causes of all sorts of ailments. Voe unto him who begins any work when Saturn or Mars is in the ascendant.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

If Only.
When you proposed to me you said that, if I would only say the right word you would be the happiest man in the world.
Tommy—Ah! If you had only said it!—Illustrated Bits.

Perilous.
"Were you ever in a railroad disaster?"
"Yes—I once kissed the wrong girl while going through a tunnel."—Cleveland Leader.

It's the fellow who minds his p's and q's that sleeps on flowery beds of es.—Philadelphia Record.

Origin of Seals.

The origin of seals is lost in the shades of antiquity. In Assyrian and Babylonian ruins seals still are found, and it is certain that they were passed from those countries to Greece and Rome, to all European countries and from England to America. Originally they were set in rings. The earliest references to them in Biblical history are found in Genesis xxxviii, where it is recorded that, pending certain negotiations between Judah and Tamar, the widow of his son, Tamar demanded a pledge and Judah gave her his signet and other belongings. And when Ahab, king of Israel, tried to buy Naboth's vineyard and couldn't his wife Jezebel "wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal." In the Book of Esther, chapter viii, it is written that King Ahasuerus said to Esther and Mordecai, "Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name and seal it with the king's ring, for the writing which is written in the king's name and sealed with his ring may no man reverse."

Seals doubtless were used long before the stirring events described in the quoted chapter of Genesis, but no one took the trouble to write about them. From the time of Jeremiah to William the Conqueror the pen was practically unknown to king, noble or peasant, so the seal was absolutely necessary.—Kansas City Star.

The Lure of Money.

James H. Keene, who won and lost fortunes and who played with millions of dollars as a child would play with a heap of sand, was once asked why, having wealth to satisfy, he did not give up the game of money grabbing and seek peace, comfort and contentment.

The answer vouchsafed by Keene may be regarded as that which would be offered by many another man if the same question were put to him. "Why do I want more money?" said Keene. "Why does a dog want another rabbit? Your dog will chase the millionth rabbit as though it were the first he had ever seen. He will strive and strain in the pursuit of it to the point of heartbreak. One might suppose his soul's life depended on the capture. And yet, should he overtake it, he will cast it aside when killed and begin quarreling the ground to start another. To the last gasp of his breath that dog will chase his rabbit. When you tell me why that dog wants another rabbit I'll tell you why I want more money."—Harry Furniss in Strand Magazine.

The Maelstrom.

The famous maelstrom whirlpool is about four geographical miles in diameter.

Girding With the Sword.

The ceremony of investing a new sultan with the sword of Osman, the founder of the Ottoman dominion, is called fakih saif, "girding with the sword." This ceremony corresponds with the ceremony of coronation.

The Compass at the South Pole.

The needle of the ordinary compass refuses to work when near the south pole.

Convicts in Japan.

In Japan a convict may earn enough money while in jail to maintain his family. He has the best of food and lodging, is taught a trade and if he wishes pursues the study of foreign languages.

First German Tragedy.

The first German tragedy was "Cloe-patra," written by Von Lohenstein in 1671.

The Land of Cain.

Labrador, according to a local tradition which the gleaners of folklore consider of much importance, is the land to which Cain was banished after the murder of Abel. That country, according to the legend, was cursed by God with perpetual silence on the day when it was granted to the first murderer. Certain it is that the whole region has been silent and desolate ever since it was first known to white men.

Bangkok.

The town of Bangkok is largely afloat, the houses being built on rafts of bamboo.

The Fohn Wind.

When the fohn wind blows in some parts of Switzerland the natives are not allowed to make any fires or light candles. A conflagration would be unmanageable.

The First Envelopes.

The first use of envelopes was in 1847. The first envelope ever made is in the British museum.

Earthquakes and Bridges.

The damage to bridges by earthquakes is due generally to the banks of valleys being drawn together, according to W. H. Hobbs, whose conclusions are based on a study of earthquakes in the United States, India and Japan extending back to 1886.

The Gift of Gab.

To "have the gift of gab" means the gift of the use of the mouth, "gab" being the Scotch word for mouth.

Couldn't Fool Him.

A pompous and loud mouthed member of a certain legislature was making a speech on some momentous question and in concluding said:
"In the words of Daniel Webster, who wrote the dictionary, 'give me liberty or give me death.'"
One of his colleagues pulled at his coat and whispered:
"Daniel Webster did not write the dictionary. It was Noah."
"Noah nothing," replied the speaker "Noah built the ark."

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Sonoma, Dec. 18, 1909.

H. H. GRANICE, Editor.

Give the Best that is in You.

The citizen's gift to his town or city is quite as important a matter at this or any other season as any obligation which confronts the individual in this journey through life. His gift may be neither library, museum, music stand, park nor statuary, for these are possible to the minority, but the humble and obscure may in spirit be the philanthropist. Yet with this same spirit there is a niggardly conservation, a stifling of the spark which struggles to illumine every soul. Selfish motives, petty jealousies and a narrow-minded point of view grapples with civic pride and some men live and die in a community without ever having felt the joy of giving the best that is in them for the betterment of their immediate environment.

Small communities are torn with petty dissensions because of individual differences. The average citizen knows his city officials too well. He has not the proper respect for the robes of municipal office, particularly if there is not enough class to the city. Theoretically we should get better results in small communities from the fact that every one is in touch with the powers-that-be, but if the small town officials listened to the ideas and advices of every one in their community they would indeed be between the cloven hoof and the fathomless sea.

It is not the gift of gab that will help along your town, nor knocks for your enemies or tips to your friends in office. Your business is with yourself. Make yourself a good citizen, generous in the matter of giving the best that is in you for the larger idea of community welfare and the municipal fathers will have a thriving, progressive family to rule over and it will be up to them to make good.

Get your own doorsteps in good shape, get the spirit of retrospection working, see that the "hook-worm" plays no part in your civic interest and we will have better cities with peace and good will in full possession all the year round.

The Latest Shade.

The latest shade is artichoke
And casserole is new,
Now I'm waiting for the fashion
Which surely will ensue—
A shade of spineless cactus,
For brainless women's fad,
For that's the only color
They really haven't had.

CELESTE GRANICE MURPHY.

Alameda, Dec. 15, 1909.

SUPERIOR COURT CALENDAR DAY.

Many Matters Disposed of by
Judges Seawell and Denny
Monday.

A resume of the calendar day proceedings in the Superior Court Monday is as follows:

In Judge Denny's department a petition to sell realty of the estate of Fannie M. Fulkerson was granted.

The homestead and exempt property of the estate of Charles J. Howe was set apart to the widow.

A sale of real and personal property of the estate of John Pleyete was confirmed.

The first account of the estate of Roy Smith et al., was settled and allowed.

F. J. Kerridge was named administrator on the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Jewett in a bond of \$1,000.

Elke Volkerts was named executrix of the will of Erich A. Volkerts.

The motion in the suit of W. E. Ewing vs. Allen Bryant was submitted.

The suit of W. E. Nichols vs. F. M. Cooper was dropped from

the calendar to be restored on motion.

The petition for a writ of habeas corpus by J. F. Makowski vs. his wife was dismissed.

These matters were continued: French-American Wine Company vs. Garrett et al., Hayward vs. Hayward, Stockli vs. Green, to December 20th.

Sales of property in the estates of Frances E. Laughlin and Jos. Gamjager were settled.

George J. Gamble was restored to competency by order of court.

In Judge Seawell's department D. Angelo was arraigned on a charge of assault.

The motion for alimony was dismissed in the suit of McLaren vs. McLaren, and the default was entered. The trial was set for December 20th.

In the suit of Catherine Riley vs. G. Buzzini, the motion to quash summons and to set aside judgment, etc., and the matter in its various phases was continued to December 20th.

These matters were continued: Phillips vs. Phillips, Whittaker vs. Rohrbrough, Myrtle Brown vs. Chas. Brown, Lumsden vs. Lumsden, to December 20th; Redwine vs. Redwine, to December 15th.

Argument was had on the demurrer and notice of motion in the suit of the MacLay Company vs. Meade et al., involving the restitution of wharf premises in Petaluma.

The case of the State against D. Roberts was continued until December 20th. The suit of Butler vs. Leck was also continued to the same date.

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Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures	8,180.20
Other Real Estate Owned	11,365.97
Due from other than Reserve Banks	15,000.00
Due from Reserve Banks	54,786.50
Cash on Hand	18,669.57
Total	\$150,500.00

LIABILITIES—	
Capital Apportioned	\$50,000.00
Surplus Apportioned	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	42,887.43
Due to other Banks	815.32
Individual Deposits subject to check	283,639.58
Demand Certificates of Deposit	1,447.40
Time Certificates of Deposit	50,961.16
State, County and Municipal Deposits	10,000.00
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ROBERT A. POPPE,
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Lost or Stolen.

A four-months-old female cocker spaniel. Disappeared from Boyes Hot Springs Hotel Saturday morning, Oct. 20th. It is black with one small white spot on chin and one on breast. Answers to name of "Angie". Finder will please leave at this office and receive reward.

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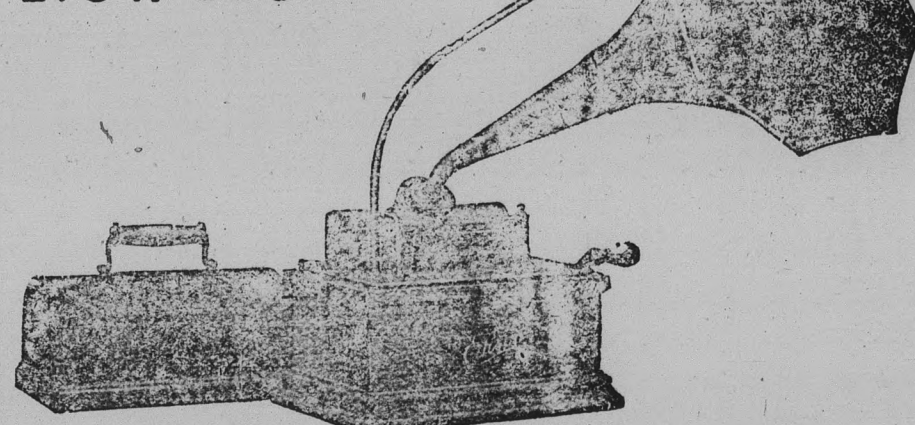
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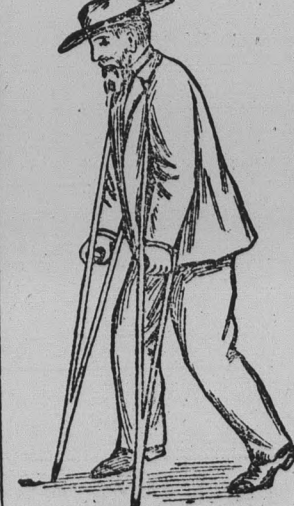
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LOCAL BREVITIES.

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Now is the time to lay concrete sidewalks. See Trudgen, the stone mason, about it.

Hph. Weiss, the expert refractionist and optician of San Francisco, will be in Sonoma at the Union Hotel Jan. 2nd.

Before going fishing or hunting don't forget to get a bottle of Martini Manhattan Cocktails at Froment's Family Liquor Store.

There will be a big turkey shoot and raffle at El Laurel, half way between Sonoma and Petaluma, tomorrow, commencing at 10 A. M.

A party of capitalists from San Francisco, who are interested in the M. & S. Drill Company, were entertained at dinner Sunday by Capt. and Mrs. H. E. Boyes. During the brief stay of the gentlemen here it was learned that the company will soon replace the boring machinery now on trial at Capt. Boyes place with a powerful \$10,000 drill.

Eighteen Hundred a Year and Traveling Expenses.

It will be interesting to horticulturists in this county to know that an examination for County Horticultural Commissioner will be held in Santa Rosa. The position carries with it \$6.00 per day and traveling expenses, which is the compensation prescribed by law and everybody is eligible to the examination.

The examination requirements are not exacting or technical and any good fruitgrower thoroughly up on methods of cultivation, with a good knowledge of insect pests and diseases of his county, can easily pass, providing he is thoroughly versed in the horticultural laws of the State and county.

The State Commission of Horticulture has for distribution to prospective candidates, copies of these laws, together with pamphlets on insect pests, diseases, beneficial insects, etc., that may be had by applying to the Horticultural Commission in Sacramento. Any one who intends to become a commissioner, and therefore must take this examination, and also those who wish to be appointed inspectors under the commissioner, a position carrying a salary of \$3.50 per day, should procure these and prepare to take said examination, the only restrictions being that the candidates be citizens of the county and not connected in any way with the nursery business.

Printed notices will be posted in each county, giving date and conditions of the examinations, thirty days prior to the holding of the examination; the newspapers also will probably publish the date and place where it is to be held.

Struck Flow of Natural Gas.

D. Volquardsen, while boring for artesian water on the upper Jones ranch, six miles south of town, Wednesday, struck an immense flow of natural gas, which can be utilized for illuminating or heating purposes.

Certificate of Co-Partnership.

State of California, ss.
County of Sonoma, ss.
We, the undersigned do hereby certify that we are and for many years have been partners transacting business in this State, at the City of Sonoma, County of Sonoma, under the firm name and style of F. Duhring & Agnes Duhring Ryland, and that the names in full of all the members of such partnership are Frederick Thomas Duhring and Agnes Duhring Ryland, and that the places of our respective residences are set opposite our respective names hereto subscribed.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this first day of December, 1909.

Names	Residences
Frederick T. Duhring	Sonoma, Cal.
Agnes Duhring Ryland	San Francisco, Cal.

State of California, ss.
County of Sonoma, ss.
On the first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and nine, personally appeared before me, Robert A. Poppe, a Notary Public in and for the County of Sonoma, State of California, Frederick T. Duhring and Agnes Duhring Ryland, whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, as parties thereto, personally known to me to be the same persons described in, and who executed the said annexed instrument, as parties thereto, and they duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily, and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

ROBERT A. POPPE,
Notary Public in and for the County of Sonoma, State of California.

A YOUNG MAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Fires Three Bullets Into His Forehead With 32-Calibre Revolver

Fred Matt, a man about 23 years of age and a butcher by trade, who has been in the employ of the Central Market for several weeks, made a desperate and deliberate attempt to commit suicide Thursday evening between five and six o'clock. He went to his room in the Bismarck Hotel and lying down upon the bed fired three shots from a 32-calibre revolver into his forehead. That the shots did not cause instant death is remarkable, as the three bullets entered the would-be suicide's forehead less than an inch apart.

After committing the deed Matt must have been rendered unconscious and after wakening in his blood for some little time came to his senses and made his way from the bedroom in the upper story of the hotel to the bar room on the ground floor. With his forehead shot full of holes and covered with blood he presented a terrible sight to the horrified boarders who were lounging about waiting for supper.

No one in the hotel had heard the shots and the entry of the wounded man was the first intimation that landlord Happe and his guests had that a tragedy had been enacted in the upper part of the hotel.

The wounded man in answer to questions as to the shooting gave incoherent replies. He was assisted to the room, which he had left a few minutes before and Deputy Sheriff Ryan and Dr. Leix were telephoned for. The bedding and furniture was covered with blood and a tell-tale revolver, with four empty chambers and a box of cartridges were found in the room.

Dr. Leix probed the wounds and found that the bullets had penetrated the frontal bone but as the man was perfectly conscious it is doubtful if they entered the brain.

An hour after shooting himself Matt was taken to the Leix sanitarium, where two of the bullets were extracted. The other leaden missile could not be located and is imbedded back of the left eye. The impact of the three bullets fractured the frontal bone and there is little chance for Matt's recovery. During the night the man lapsed into unconsciousness, which was followed by eight convulsions.

The cause assigned by Matt for attempting suicide was ill health. He has a sister, Mrs. Beck, who resides on the corner of Twentieth and Harrison streets, San Francisco. She was communicated with and will arrive here this morning.

A Spectacular Blaze

During the big blow Tuesday night, which played havoc with electric and telephone wires, a large tree near Agua Caliente Springs was set on fire by a potential electric wire of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company coming in contact with it. The burning tree, fanned by the high wind, made a spectacular blaze, and people in this part of the valley believed the Agua Caliente Springs Hotel was on fire.

Loyal to California.

California should be proud of Jack London, one of its native sons who has brought fame to his state. Unlike many other writers, Jack London is loyal to his native state, and instead of going to New York or London when he has become famous, he prefers California as a home to any other part of the world—and few people have seen more of the world than Jack London. He has recently returned from a two years' cruise in the "Snark," during which time he visited many almost unvisited islands in the South Seas. He has written a wonderfully vivid and interesting account of this cruise, which will appear during the coming year in The Pacific Monthly, published at Portland, Oregon. His first story appears in the December issue. Each story is distinct in itself, yet each one treats of some incident of his cruise.

Cut this notice out and send it with \$1.00 to The Pacific Monthly and you will receive this beautiful illustrated magazine until September, 1910, and the December number, just issued, containing Jack London's first story, will be sent to you free.

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FOR FLETCHER'S
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Read the ads in this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Froment Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. A. Froment entertained twenty-one of their friends at a French dinner last Sunday. The spread consisted of twelve courses, interspersed with white and red wines and champagne. Those present pronounced it a feast fit for the gods and voted the amiable host and hostess royal entertainers.

BIG CORPORATION GETTING BUSY.

Now Seeking Block Makers— Fifty Men Wanted to Start In With.

The Natoma Consolidated of California, the twenty-million-dollar corporation, which acquired the Schocken basalt block quarries of seventy acres in the northern suburbs of town a few months ago, has commenced to get busy.

M. Blumer, who will be the resident manager of the big company's holdings in this place, has arrived in town and is now engaged in putting a big force of paving block cutters to work in the quarries. As a starter fifty men will be put to work making paving blocks for shipment to San Francisco and other near-by cities, and later on the force will be increased.

The company will also engage largely in crushing rock, which will be shipped to tide water by a projected line of electric railway to be owned and operated by the corporation, which is expected to give employment to several hundred men in the near future.

Ladies' Aid Society of Congregational Church.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. H. Appleton on Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being the monthly meeting of the society, whose members number nearly eighty. About fifty ladies were present and were entertained royally by the amiable hostess. This society, which is one of the leading social organizations in Sonoma, is productive of much good and harmony in the community. The next meeting of the Ladies' Aid will take place at the home of Mrs. Amelia Bates on the first Tuesday of next month.

The Hay Market.

Somers & Co. of San Francisco, in their report on the condition of the hay market for the week ending December 14th, say: "In spite of the depressing influences which have been at work, the market has shown renewed strength during the past few days, the change being most marked with choice wheat hay, choice tame out hay and alfalfa. The interior of the State is beginning to draw heavily on the stocks stored primarily for the San Francisco market; some districts reporting their trade as having doubled in this connection the past week or so. The principal cities of the north continue to place orders for hay in this market and practically every town along the Oregon and Washington coasts is drawing on us for its supply. In the south, Arizona is making itself felt as a heavy consumer of hay and now, much to the surprise of all, Texas has begun to buy some of our good grain hay."

"An encouraging feature to the holders of hay is a strong barley market, prices for this special line of grain having rapidly advanced during the past week. There is a certain relationship between barley and hay for past experience has shown that the two always advance or decline in sympathy."

The range of prices during the week has been \$17.50 to \$19.50 for choice wheat hay to \$10.00 to \$13.50 for barley hay.

Petition Was Denied.

The petition of a large number of residents of Vineburg and its near vicinity praying the Board of Supervisors to form a new school district there, was acted upon by the Supervisors on Friday of last week adversely. We are not fully conversant with this matter to express an opinion as to the action of the Board, but we do know that Vineburg is growing and ought to be entitled to its share of the school facilities accorded to other communities in the valley.

Now is the time to get your brandy, sherry, etc. for mince pies. Froment's Liquor Store.

FETTERS' SPRINGS LEASED TO M. LEVY

The Well-Known Sporting Man of San Francisco to Take Possession at Once

Morris Levy, the well-known sporting man of San Francisco, has closed a five-years lease for Fetter's Hot Springs near this place and the lease was recorded on Wednesday. The annual rental is stated to be \$3,500 and the lessee is to conduct the place as a first-class bathing and summer resort.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fetter, the owners of the resort, have expended over \$75,000 on the property since acquiring it one year ago. On the place is one of the finest and largest hotel buildings in the valley, a handsome club house, bath houses, swimming tank, etc.

The lessee is widely known in sporting circles and for years has taken a lively interest in "the manly art." In the event of the world's championship bout taking place in San Francisco next July between Jeffries and Johnson it is more than probable that Jeff will take up his training quarters at Fetter's Springs. The accessibility of this valley to the metropolis and its matchless climate is well-known in athletic circles and this will have weight with Jeffries in training to defend the title for the white race.

The L. L. Lewis Water Franchise

At an informal discussion of the Lewis water franchise by the Board of Supervisors last Saturday afternoon it was decided to again take up the matter of advertising the franchise at the January meeting.

It is understood that Mr. Lewis, through his attorney, Mr. James Oliver of San Francisco, has agreed to furnish the county free water for sprinkling the roads along the proposed pipe line between the Yulupa rancho and Sonoma in consideration of the granting of the franchise. This concession asked by the Board appears to us to be a perfectly fair one and in making the demand Mr. Hart and his fellow members were simply consulting the interests of the taxpayers who are frequently overlooked in matters of this kind in other counties of the State. The Supervisors of Sonoma county, however, of late years have been ever mindful of the rights of the people in granting electric light, railway and water franchises. Take for instance the franchise recently granted to the big electric light and power corporation for a pole line along our public thoroughfares. In this case the Supervisors demanded and their demand was acceded to, that the New County Court House be furnished with electric lights free for a period of fifty years. When one considers that the cost of this service is worth at least \$100 per month it can readily be seen that the Supervisors on granting that franchise have saved to taxpayers in the years to come from \$50,000 to \$75,000 in hard cash.

Sudden Death and Inquest at the Sonoma State Home

James Jewett, an inmate of the Sonoma State Home at Eldridge, died suddenly last Monday from an unknown cause. The young man's death was so sudden that the Coroner was notified and it was decided to hold an inquest on the remains the following day. Accordingly, Judge Small of this place, acting for Coroner Blackburn, summoned a jury to enquire into the manner of death and the inquisition developed the fact that the deceased came to his death from congestion of the lungs and heart failure. The deceased was aged 22 years and a native of California.

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Will it destroy dandruff? Ask your doctor.

Does not Color the Hair

Heavy Wine Shipments.

The Gundlach-Bundschu Company on Monday last shipped two carloads of wine, comprising 175 barrels, over the Southern Pacific, consigned to New Orleans and Chicago. The shipments of wine from Rhinefarm to points in the East have been very encouraging the past few months, the average being from three to five carloads every week.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NOTES.

Doings of the Various Sets in Both Town and Valley.

Jep Valente spent Sunday and Monday in the city.

Clarence Cheney was up from the metropolis Sunday.

Mildred Doyle of San Francisco is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Kelly is lying very ill at her home on Chase avenue.

Mr. O. Wagner and son spent Wednesday in the metropolis.

Miss K. Castro of San Francisco visited at the Leix home Sunday.

P. R. Davis and R. Emparan were in Santa Rosa last Monday.

Little Miss Hazel Glaister visited in San Francisco one day this week.

Mrs. Walter Poulson of Glen Ellen visited relatives here Wednesday.

A. Lutgens returned from a short sojourn in the metropolis Thursday.

Misses Moore and Trueblood were passengers Friday afternoon to the metropolis.

Miss E. Cowan of Bennett Valley is visiting at the Small residence on Napa street.

Mrs. Valenza left for Berkeley Wednesday morning for a short visit with friends.

Mrs. K. Buchan was the guest of friends in San Francisco the fore part of the week.

Lutgens have received this week their Christmas candy and a beautiful line of candy baskets.

Mr. Bailey, band leader at the Sonoma State Home, Eldridge, was in town Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Ryland have left for San Francisco, where they will remain a short time.

Mrs. Bryant of San Mateo, accompanied by her little grandchild, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. H. Weber, accompanied by her daughter Sophie, was shopping in San Francisco Saturday.

Bernice Hocker came down from Santa Rosa on Friday of last week and remained here several days.

Rev. and Mrs. Waltz drove down from their ranch north of town Thursday and visited friends here.

Mrs. Kate Buchan returned from San Francisco last Monday after a pleasant visit of several days with friends.

Mrs. Field of El Verano, who has a charming voice, sang at the Methodist Ladies' Aid Society's meeting on Thursday.

Mrs. Geo. Estes of Port Costa, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. H. Hennessey of Modesto, was here visiting relatives Wednesday.

Mr. Alfred M. Blumer, local manager for the Natoma Consolidated of California, is registered at the Union Hotel. He will reside here permanently.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church met with this week at the home of its President, Mrs. M. P. Akers of Schellville. Forty members were present.

Vernon Goodwin, formerly principal of the Sonoma Grammar School, but who is now a resident of Los Angeles, will be married to Miss Mabelle Rendall in that city on January 15th. The bride-to-be is a Southern California girl although born in Santa Rosa, which place she left with her parents sixteen years ago.



CHRISTMAS

AND
NEW YEARS
CARDS AND BOOKLETS.
NOVELTIES.
LUTGENS.

Death of a Good Woman.

Mrs. Marcucci, wife of Abramo Marcucci, a pioneer resident of this valley passed away at her home at Embarcadero last Wednesday morning at four o'clock from pneumonia after an illness of seven days. Mr. Marcucci and the two sons and a daughter, who have also been desperately ill with the deadly disease, are reported to be out of danger.

Mrs. Marcucci had resided in this valley for many years and was a kind-hearted and generous woman, and her sudden death was a great shock to her many friends.

The deceased, who was a native of Italy and aged 48 years, leaves a husband, two sons and a daughter, Mrs. Wm. Church, to mourn her untimely taking off.

The funeral will take place this morning from St. Francis Church, where an impressive sermon was preached over the remains of the good woman by Rev. Father Leahy.

The interment was in the Catholic cemetery in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends of the deceased.

Thirty Days for Petty Larceny.

Dick Casabian and Charley Adabele, two woodchoppers who are well-known in this valley, were convicted of petty larceny in Judge Small's Court last Tuesday, and each sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail. Deputy Sheriff Joe Ryan took the convicted petty larcenists to Santa Rosa Wednesday morning and lodged them in jail to serve out their sentence.

The men were arrested Monday and charged with stealing a quantity of woodchoppers tools from the D. L. Smith ranch one mile west of town. The tools were missed Sunday and the matter was placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Ryan, who traced the swag to Popper's second hand store in this place, all of which were recovered. The tools were valued at \$15 and were disposed of at the second-hand store for \$3.50, which of course was lost to the purchaser.

New Manor House at Sonoma State Home

The \$20,000 Manor House at the Sonoma State Home at Eldridge has been completed and the Board of Directors held its first meeting in the new edifice last Tuesday. It is a three-story affair built of reinforced concrete and will be used principally for offices for the officers of the institution. A number of the attendants will also be housed in the upper stories.

The completion and occupancy of the building was celebrated by an entertainment given by a number of the attendants in the presence of Directors C. E. Haven, Rev. Father Lyons, Rev. Walter Freer, Rev. A. C. Bane, Jos. P. Berry, and Secretary H. W. A. Weske.

Boreas' Big Blow.

Old Boreas got on his high horse early Tuesday night and for six hours it blew a perfect hurricane. About midnight it calmed down. The main telephone and electric light lines were put out of commission early in the evening, and there was work a-plenty the next morning for both telephone and electric linemen.

Ed. Stafford was a local visitor in the metropolis Saturday and Sunday.

Spreckels Loses Valuable Horses

The racing fillies, Annie Rooney and Marguerite, two of the most valuable animals of the Spreckels Stables at Sobro Vista, were caught in a trestle near Buchi station on the line of the Southern Pacific last Monday morning, and so badly injured that both animals will probably have to be shot.

The horses had strayed off the Spreckels hunting preserves near Buchi and wandered on the railroad track of the Southern Pacific Company. The engineer of the morning train saw the animals and blew his whistle loudly and continuously to scare the animals off the track. They kept right ahead of the locomotive, however, and after running about four miles between tracks came to a trestle. Annie Rooney went through, and the other, Marguerite, stumbled falling badly and injuring a foreleg. The train crew endeavored to extricate the imprisoned thoroughbred and succeeded after delaying the traffic for an hour and a half.

Annie Rooney is valued at fully \$1000 and Marguerite is worth at least \$750.

Disastrous Fire in Petaluma.

Petaluma was visited by a fire Sunday morning at 1:30 o'clock, which destroyed J. L. Stroud's candy store, Mossi & Company's saloon, Henshaw & Cornway's cigar store, Isadore Forgett's barber shop, Edward Washington's barbershop, Edward Schultz's gun store and W. H. Van Marter's bakery, all located in the Prince building. For awhile while the fire was raging in the gun store of Edward Schultz, fear was felt that the fire fighters would be injured, as the ammunition stored there kept up an incessant explosion and shells and bullets were flying in all directions, but fortunately no one was hurt by this. The crowd gave this store a wide berth during the time the fire was raging in it. The loss is between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Will of Miss Emily C. Kurtz.

The last will of the late Miss Emily Kurtz, for many years a teacher of the Summit-Joint school in the mountains north of Glen Ellen, was filed for probate last Thursday. The petitioner for probate of the will is Lottie A. Howard, who asks for letters testamentary thereon. The property of the estate does not exceed \$5000 and is given entirely to the sister of deceased, Lottie A. Howard. In a will made on December 6, of this year, the testator declares she purposely omits mentioning her brother, N. H. Howard, as he desires that the sister shall receive the property. Dr. S. Bogle and Wm. F. Cowan were the subscribing witnesses to the document.

A request is made that so long as Lottie Howard maintains the Nun's Canyon ranch, she will permit Isaac H. Wright to have his home there.

Social a Success.

On Friday evening last, in the lecture room of the Congregational Church, a very enjoyable social was given by the Christian Endeavor Society. About thirty or forty guests were present and all had a fine time. Feasting and the playing of games were the features of the evening.

Chas. O. Dunbar of the Press Democrat, Santa Rosa, was in town Monday.

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CHRISTMAS DISPLAY IS
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Paving Block
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Sonoma, December 18, 1909.

H. H. GRANICE, Editor.

TROPICAL INSECTS.

The Tarantula is the One Most to Be Dreaded.

Excepting only the tarantula, the crawling insects of the tropics are not really dangerous, though they are more than unpleasant, sufficiently so to make every one wary, and an instinctive watchfulness becomes after a time habitual. It is only a matter of being careful and dangerous stings can be avoided. The sting of a scorpion is sharp and painful. Rapid swelling follows till a great lump is formed at and about the wound, the glands often become swollen and painful, and the tongue swells so that speech may become difficult. The pain lasts from two to twenty-four hours, usually about a day, and it is exceptional if any serious effects follow.

The centiped attacks by burying its sharp feet in the flesh and then biting with its jaws, inflicting deep wounds. Often it goes on crawling rapidly over the flesh, puncturing it with burning, needlelike feet, biting continually. Its jaws buried deep in the flesh with vigorous rapidity. This is a serious affliction. The sores, like burning blisters, are open for days, and where a centipede has walked and bitten the flesh a livid sore develops, leaving a deep scar witness to the pain inflicted. Sometimes even gangrene may set in, and then death is apt to follow in a few days. Thus a wound from a centipede unattended easily becomes serious. The centipede's back is so smooth and its muscles so supple that to check it under one's clothing requires fortitude which could press a red-hot iron against the naked flesh. Relax the hand for an instant and the centipede slips away to continue its course over the body. The result is not easily described. The screams of a person so attacked attest the pain, and we dread the centipede. I have seen them in the jungles over a foot long and about three inches broad. Usually they are less than half this size, and fortunately their attacks are rare. There are smaller centipedes, and bad enough it is to be bitten by them, but it is the big fellows in the woods which we dread.

Of all the insects which crawl about in the tropics the tarantula is most to be dreaded. It sinks its fanglike jaws deep in the flesh, and a poison which oozes out around them is carried into the wound. The soft body of the spider permits it to be easily killed, and if there is a way open for escape the tarantula will take it, perhaps not biting at all. One bite it gives, seldom more, and this is sufficient. Days of suffering must be endured, and death may occur. Violent swelling follows the bite of a tarantula and afflicts all that part of the body which has been bitten. At times the flesh becomes discolored, and with the intense pain a form of paralysis develops which may result in death. If, however, the person bitten is enjoying fair health no evil effects result, but where the blood is in poor condition, the heart weak or other organic troubles are present then stings or bites from creeping insects, not only tarantulas, but all of them, are apt to be fatal.

Naturally one crawls out from under the folds with feelings of trepidation and usually finds that some creeping thing has made the outer folds of the folds a resting place for the night. Forest and Stream.

Eskimo Graves of Stones.
To the Eskimo mind everything animate or inanimate possesses a soul. Thus in their graves we found they invariably placed every cherished possession, that their spirits might serve the departed spirit in the same capacities in the life to come. There is little room for burial beneath the scanty earth in Labrador, even if the frost would permit. So the grave consists of upright stones, with long flat ones laid across. These not only serve to keep the wolves from the body, but wide chunks also afford the spirits free passage in and out.—Willfred T. Grenfell in Century.

Uncle Sam's Human Hinges.
In other cities the doors of public buildings are set on springs and slap to and fro as the visitor wills, but in Washington it appears necessary to have a special man to open and close the doors—human hinges, as it were—no undignified banging of doors there. This custom has died out in other places, but there are many veteran negroes in Washington who have seen years of such service for the government. They have a stately way of performing this office, which gives a door an official and unofficial swing.—Joe Mitchell Chapple in National Magazine.

A Mystery to Father.
"So your daughter has gone to Europe, after all?"
"Yas," drawled Farmer Hayseed; "she's been daffy 't' go ever since she left skule. These here female girl colleges dew put ideas intew women's heads. Her maw an' me never could calc'late why she was so set 't' go 't' Yurrop. She don't know a soul thar."—Lippincott's.

Only a Man.
Mrs. Peck (contemptuously)—What are you, anyhow, a man or a mouse? Mr. Peck (bitterly)—A man, my dear. If I were only a mouse I'd have you up on the table yelling for dear life right now!—New York Life.

As a Remedy.
"I want to get copies of your paper for a week back," said the visitor to the newspaper office.
"Wouldn't it be better to try a pot of us plaster?" suggested the facetious clerk.—Philadelphia Record.

Good news sweetens the blood.—German Proverb.

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3:01 P.M.	San Rafael and Intermediates	6:56 P.M.
6:55 A.M.	Glen Ellen and Intermediates.	10:38 A.M.
3:01 P.M.	Intermediates.	6:56 P.M.
6:55 A.M.	Novato	10:38 A.M.
3:01 P.M.	Petaluma Santa Rosa and Intermediates.	6:56 P.M.
6:55 A.M.	Cloverdale	10:38 A.M.
3:01 P.M.	Healdsburg Lytton and Intermediates.	6:56 P.M.
6:55 A.M.	Ukiah and Intermediates	10:38 A.M.
3:01 P.M.	Willits and Sherwood	6:56 P.M.
6:55 A.M.	Sebastopol and Intermediates.	10:38 A.M.
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